

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education:

- Ph.D. University of Cambridge (King's College), 2001. Faculty of Divinity.  
Specialization: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies  
Dissertation Title: "The Figure of Joab and the Fate of 'Justice and Righteousness' during David's Reign: Rereading the So-called 'Court History' according to 2 Samuel 8:15–20:26"  
Supervisor: Prof. Robert P. Gordon, Regius Professor of Hebrew.
- Th.M. Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, 1996.  
Major area: New Testament Studies (academic ministries)  
Thesis Title: "Jehu's Revolt in Deuteronomistic Perspective: A Literary-Rhetorical Study of 2 Kings 8:25–10:36."  
Teaching and research intern to Dr. Daniel B. Wallace, Professor of New Testament  
Recipient of *The Merrill F. Unger Award in Old Testament*
- B.S.A. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1988. Agriculture.  
Major area: Animal Sciences

## Additional Studies and Professional Development

- Taylor University Civil Rights Tour (January 16–21, 2020) — Memphis, TN; Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, AL; Atlanta, Macon, GA.
- Jerusalem University College – Jerusalem, Israel (2009, 2014)
- Universite de Mons Hainaut, Institut de Linguistique – Mons, Belgium (1997)

## Teaching Experience at Taylor University

- Associate Professor of Biblical Studies (2004–Present), tenured
- Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies (2001–2003)
- Visiting Professor of Biblical Studies (February–May, 2001)
- Current courses regularly taught: Old Testament Introduction and Survey; New Testament Introduction and Survey; Poetic and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament; Old Testament Ethics; Biblical Literature Major Capstone.
- Other courses taught: Hebrew Prophets; Honors Biblical Literature I; Elementary Old Testament Hebrew I; Elementary Old Testament Hebrew II; Hebrew Syntax and Lexicography; Hebrew Exegesis; Seminar in Biblical Languages; Pentateuch; Apocalyptic Literature of the Bible; Old Testament Historical Books.

## Research Interests:

- Wisdom Theology and Philosophical Worldview in Genesis 2:4–4:26
- Wisdom and Desire Checking in Proverbs 1–9
- Theology, Philosophy, and Ethics in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel
- Narrative Ethics in 1–2 Samuel and Genesis 12–50
- The Kingdom of God in Biblical Theology
- Applied Biblical Ethics and Political Philosophy
- Intersection of Diachronic and Synchronic Approaches in Biblical Criticism

## Publications

### Published Books, Articles, and Essays:

- “David’s Ethic of Togetherness and Its Victims.” Pages 131–146 in *The Cambridge Companion to the Hebrew Bible and Ethics*. Edited by C. L. Crouch. Cambridge Companions to Religion. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- Eleven introductory essays in the *ABIDE BIBLE* for 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, Amos, Zephaniah, Nahum, Obadiah, Ecclesiastes, Job, and the Song of Songs, edited by Phil Collins (Nashville: Thomas Nelson/Harper Collins, 2020).
- “Paradoxical Integrity in Job: The Faithful Imagination in the Hebrew Bible’s Wisdom Literature.” Pages 294–312 in *The Faithful Imagination: Papers from the 2018 Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C.S. Lewis & Friends*. Edited by Joe Ricke and Ashley Chu. Hamden, CT: Winged Lion Press, LLC, 2019.
- *The Fate of Justice and Righteousness During David's Reign: Narrative Ethics and Rereading the Court History according to 2 Samuel 8:15–20:26* (Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 508; New York & London: T & T Clark, 2009).
- “Exposed, Isolated, or Immuned” in Taylor magazine, *Metanoia: Beyond the Mind* (Issue 1, 2006), pp. 12–14.

### Book Reviews:

- Review of Jack R. Lundbom, *Jeremiah Closer Up: The Prophet and the Book*, Review of Biblical Literature [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014).
- Review of Tremper Longman III, *Job*, Review of Biblical Literature [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014).
- Review of W. Edward Glenny, *Hosea: A Commentary Based on Hosea in Codex Vaticanus*, Review of Biblical Literature [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014).
- Review of Tyler D. Mayfield, *Literary Structure and Setting in Ezekiel*, Review of Biblical Literature [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014).
- Review of James L. Crenshaw, *Reading Job: A Literary and Theological Commentary*, Review of Biblical Literature [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2013).
- Review of Lawrence Boadt, Richard Clifford and Daniel Harrington, eds., *Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction*; Second Edition, Review of Biblical Literature [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2013).
- Review of Yairah Amit, *In Praise of Editing in the Hebrew Bible: Collected Essays in Retrospect*, Review of Biblical Literature [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2013).

- Review of Greger Andersson, *Untamable Texts: Literary Studies and Narrative Theory in the Books of Samuel*, *Hebrew Studies* 53 (2012): 101–109.
- Review of Dianne Bergant, *The Song of Songs*, *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2004).
- Review of Konrad Schaefer, *Psalms*, *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2004).
- Review of George M. Schwab, *The Song of Songs' Cautionary Message Concerning Human Love*, *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2003).

### Memberships in Professional Organizations

- Institute for Biblical Research
- Catholic Biblical Association

### Professional Conference Presentations

- “The Faithful Imagination in the Hebrew Bible’s Wisdom Literature as Illustrated by the Paradox of Integrity in the Book of Job,” paper presented on 06/01/2018 at the 11th Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C.S. Lewis & Friends, 2018 at Taylor University, Upland, IN.
- “Reflections on Teaching and Pedagogy in Light of the Hebrew Bible’s Wisdom Literature,” paper presented at the Annual Convention of the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society, Mount Sterling OH, 2007.

### Sabbaticals

- Research focused on textual criticism and translation of Proverbs 1–9 (Fall 2017)
- Research focused on the concept of revelation in the OT wisdom literature and the history of Israelite religion (Spring 2011)

### Leader of Student Study Trips Sponsored by Taylor University

- Jerusalem University College (January 2014)
- Jerusalem University College (January 2009)

### Committee Work at Taylor University

- Academic Policies Committee (2007–2010 [chair 2009–2010]; 2020–present)
- Intercultural Leadership & Church Relations Diversity Policy Group (2020–present)
- Course Standardization Process consultant (2019)
- Foundational Core Curriculum Committee (2016–2019)
- Enrollment and Athletic Committee (2011–2014)
- Employee Advisory Committee (2013)
- Honorary Degree Committee (2009–2010)
- Community Life Committee (2002–2005)

## Other Assignments at Taylor University

- Taylor Assessment Summit (5/22/11)
- Judge for Chapel Band Auditions (2008; 2010, 2021)
- Colleagues' College Subcommittee and Panel on "Thinking Theologically about Our Students" (2005)
- Taylor University Representative at CCCU Conference on Gender, Identity, and Human Sexuality (2005)

## Presentations and Speeches at Taylor University

### TU Chapel and Vespers:

- Taylor University Chapel: "When the Money is Tight and the Sex is Twisted and Terror and Plague are on the Loose: On the New Testament's Eschatological Orientation to Christian Hope and Ethics" (10/31/2014)  
[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQwO5xbFsxQ>]
- Taylor University Chapel: "Just and Righteous Leadership according to Isaiah 32:1-8 and into the New Testament" (11/14/2003)
- Vespers: "Gossip: Creating Pseudo-fellowship - Proverbs 18:8 // 26:22" (11/2004)
- Vespers: "Being a Tradent: Possessing Character, Bequeathing Content - Proverbs 4" (11/2004)
- Vespers: "Feminine Beauty: What's It Worth? - Proverbs 11:22" (12/2004)
- Vespers: "Serving Two Masters" (6/27/2002)
- Vespers: "The Wisdom Process and Moral Awareness" (3/2/2003)
- Sophomore Class Chapel: "When & Why Communities Fail: Reflections in the Wake of the Penn State Child Sexual Abuse Scandal" (11/17/2011)
- Vespers: "Integrity: Honest to God or Dead in the Water?" (03/04/2007)
- Senior Class Chapel: "A Threshold Speech in the Spirit of Proverbs for Graduating Seniors" (5/19/2006)

### TU Panels, lectures, et al.:

- Panel Speaker - "Understanding the Ethics of Old Testament Conquest Accounts," Taylor University (09/24/2015)
- Guest lecturer - "Executive Abuse of Power in the Bible" – Dr. Stephen King's Senior Seminar in Political Science, Taylor University (02/10/15 and 02/12/15)
- Panel Speaker - "The Body, Sexuality and Power," Residence Life and Discipleship, Taylor University (10/30/14)
- Presenter - "From College to Colleague: My Theological Pilgrimage," Taylor University Biblical Studies Colloquium, 3/8/2012.
- Panel Speaker - Marriage and Gender Roles, Taylor University (1/13/11)
- Panel Speaker - Faculty Panel on the Book 'Love Wins' by Rob Bell, Taylor University (5/8/11)
- Presenter - "A BIB 480 Assignment," CTLE Cooperative Learning Seminar, Taylor University (3/14/11)
- Presenter - "A Biblical Theology of Justice and Righteousness and Its Relationship to

- Modern Concerns for Social Justice,” Social Justice Week, Taylor University (4/6/2009)
- Panel Speaker - Sexuality Panel, Residence Life Program “Sex and the Cornfields,” Taylor University (3/10/2009)
- Panel Speaker - Panel discussion for Youth Conference leaders on characteristics of spiritual growth and development in high school students and how to best manage male-female interactions in ministry, Taylor University (4/7/2009)
- Presenter - “The Wisdom Process,” Colleagues’ College, Taylor University (8/05)
- Presenter - “Before You Fall: Dealing with Issues of Pride,” TSO Leadership Training Seminar, Taylor University (11/13/04)
- Presenter - “Managing Your Mentors,” TSO Leadership Training Seminar, Taylor University (2/4/03)
- Panel Speaker - “Reaching Out to the Hurting and Dealing with Suicide,” TSO Faculty Forum, Taylor University (10/29/01)
- Panel Speaker - “Responding to the Terror of 9/11,” TSO Faculty Forum, Taylor University (9/25/01)

#### TU Faculty Meeting Devotionals:

- Faculty Meeting Devotional: “Desperate Learning: Wisdom’s Warning in Proverbs 1:20–33” (10/09/14)
- Faculty Meeting Devotional: “Spiritual Immunization and ‘Gerbil Ball’ Theology” (04/06)

#### TU Sports Teams Chapels:

- Football Team Chapel: “My Testimony” (9/15/17)
- Football team Chapel: “My Football” (11/07/14)
- Football Team Chapel: “Playing When You Are Down” (10/15/03)
- Football Team Chapel: “Playing to Win vs. Playing to Not Lose” (10/4/02)

#### TU Residence Halls:

- “Theology for BroHo” - Sammy Morris Hall (12/25/20)
- “Paul’s Eschatological Perspective in Philippians” - Sammy Morris Hall (10/19/17)
- “Accountability for BroHo” – Sammy Morris Hall (05/07/14)
- “My Testimony” - Taylor Men’s Ministry (9/20/11)
- “Proverbs” - Taylor Staff Men’s Small Group (Spring 2010)
- “Biblical Manhood” - Bergwall and Sammy II (02/27/07)
- “My Testimony” - Sammy Morris Hall (10/04)
- “Different Kinds of Fools” - Sammy Morris Hall (10/04)
- “Purity” - Sammy Morris Hall (11/04)
- “Treasures” - Sammy Morris Hall (11/04)
- “Grace and Truth” - Sammy Morris Hall (11/04)
- “On the Purpose of Quiet Times” - 2nd East Wengatz (11/14/02)
- “On Becoming a Man of God” - 2nd East Wengatz (3/14/02)

#### Other Services to Taylor University and Students:

- Colleagues College Special Music with Dr. Bob and Ellen Davis (2018)

- Residence Life Community Connection for 3rd West Wengatz (2015)
- Residence Life Community Connection for 4th Bergwall (2008–2012)
- Airband Security (2006–2013)
- Pre-marital Counselor for Phil and Laura Reese (Spring 2010)
- Parent’s Weekend and Welcome Weekend: Bob Davis Bluegrass Band (2006–2010)
- Residence Life Community Connection for Sammy Morris, “BroHo” (2005–2007)
- Air Band Judge (10/18/07)
- Wengatz Shotgun and Pistol Rally (2006; 2007; 2016)
- Residence Life Community Connection for 2nd East Olson (2001)

## Service in the Local Church and Parachurch

### Upland Community Church, Upland, IN (2001–Present)

- Adult Sunday School Teacher - (Periodically 2005–present)
  - The Crossing of the Jordan: Memorializing Israel’s Other “Watershed Moment” in Joshua 3:1–4:24 (3/13/2022)
  - A Rebellious People: Israel’s Reconnaissance of Canaan and Faithlessness at Kadesh in Numbers 13–14 (2/6/2022)
  - Israel’s Great Covenant-breaking Narrative and the Problem of Idolatry in Exodus 32–33 (1/16/2022)
  - A Promise Tested: The Akedah in Genesis 22 and Hebrews 11:17-19 (11/7/2021)
  - A People Promised in Genesis 11:10–20:18 (10/24/2021)
  - Paul’s Letter to the Galatians: A Passé Apostle? (5/23/2021)
  - Apostle on Point: The Portrait of Paul in Acts 17 (5/16/2021)
  - The Prologue to the Gospel of John and the Johannine Theology of the Beloved Community (12/20/2020)
  - Jesus Teaches Difficult Truths in John 6 (9/20/2020)
  - Habakkuk (11/10/2019)
  - Jonah (9/29/2019)
  - Series on 1–2 Kings and Ecclesiastes (August, 2019)
  - “The Gospel of Matthew” — A Series (Spring 2018)
  - “The Gospel of Mark” — A Series (Summer 2017)
  - “The Book of Jeremiah: The Character of Yahweh and His Word in the Life and Words of His Prophet to the Nations” — A Series (Spring 2017)
  - “Yahweh as the Poetic Master of Wrath” — A Four-Part Series in Nahum (2016)
  - “What’s So Wrong with Backbiting and Gossip? — The Triangulation of Creation and the Anti-Trinitarian Forces of Community Togetherness” (2016)
  - “Sensitivity and Salvation: The Primordial Corruption and Eschatological Realignment of Guilt and Innocence, Honor and Shame in Biblical Theology.” (2016)
  - “The Eschatological Basis for Ethics and the Theological Grain of Judah’s Socio-political Death-Spiral in Isaiah 2:1-5:30” (2015)
  - “Malachi 1 and Yahweh’s Love and Hate” (2015)
  - “Social Justice, Societal Degradation, and Divine Judgment: Some Theologically ‘Incorrect’ Texts from the Old Testament for Modern Christian Theology” — A Three Part Series (March 2013)
  - “Seven Lessons in Job” — A Series (2012)
  - “Passage to Adulthood and the Father-figure’s Rhetoric in Proverbs 1–9” (2011)

- Presenter - UCC Family Seminar (4/16/11)
- Adult Sunday School Teacher – Story of Redemption Class (Spring 2011)
- Adult Leader - Junior High Youth Trip to Cedar Point, OH (5/2010)
- Youth Ministry Board Member (02/07–2012)
- 4th and 5th Grade Boys Sunday School Teacher (1/07–5/07)
- High School Sunday School Teacher (9/2/07; 01/12/08)
- Adult Leader - Youth Whitewater Rafting Trip (8/10/07)
- BASSYCS Supervisor (2007–2009)
- Sunday Morning Sermon: “Judah and Joseph” (7/20/05)
- Sunday Morning Testimony: “The Power of the Word” (6/12/05)
- Adult Sunday School Teacher - Bible Study Class (Spring 2003)

#### Visiting Speaker:

- New Hope Christian Church, Columbus Indiana (07/14/2016)
- Community Church of Warren, IN — Sunday Evening Speaker: “Mourning in the Christian Life” and Youth Group Speaker: “What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?” (12/18/02)
- Community Bible Church of Russellville, AR. Sunday Morning Sermon: “True Worship” (3/20/03)

#### Additional Experience

Head Young Life Club Leader, Gravette High School, Gravette, AR (1986–1988)

Poultry Processing, *Tyson Foods Inc.*, Dardanelle, AR (1990)

Pastoral Intern, Fellowship Bible Church of Northwest Arkansas, Rogers, AR (1990–91)

Resident Custodian, Tyndale House, Cambridge, UK (2000)

Radiation Waste Worker, Steam Generator Replacement and Refueling Outage, *Entergy Corporation’s Arkansas Nuclear One*, Russellville, AR (2000)

References (available upon request)